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1. In an attempt to purchase arms for the Viet Minh from the Indonesian Government, Nguyen Duc Quy recently called personally at the Indonesian Legation in Bangkok. The request was forwarded to Djakarta, but was received unfavorably. The Indonesian reply stated that it would be unable to ship arms to Indochina without British or American detection of the transaction.
2. Following this rebuff, Quy contacted General NE WIN, Commander-in-Chief of Burmese armed forces, with a similar appeal for assistance. Quy hopes to establish Victoria Point, in southern Mergui, as a center for arms shipments.
3. Quy emphasized that it was most important that he concentrate on obtaining arms for southern Indochina, because the lack of inland routes prevents the transport of arms from North Viet Nam to South Viet Nam. Quy stated that Viet Minh forces in Laos and in Tonkin were adequately armed, but that neither the Viet Minh forces in Cambodia or South Viet Nam could obtain sufficient stocks of arms.

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